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(SBU) Post supports Embassy Kabul's suggestion (Ref A) that relevant USG officials engage the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), which is tasked with programming UAEG financial support for Afghanistan (as well as its \$300 million pledge for Pakistan). As reported in Ref B, ADFD has repeatedly expressed interest in cooperating with the USG on implementation of this funding. While post can support visitors on the margins of the January SRAP meeting in Abu Dhabi, ADFD Acting Director General Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi has also expressed an interest in traveling to Washington in early 2010 to meet with USAID and other USG officials. Al Suwaidi told EconOff he hopes to improve ADFD coordination with and support for U.S. efforts in Afghanistan, Pakistan and other countries, including Latin America. If USG officials are available to travel to the UAE, the newly established federal Office of Foreign Aid Coordination may also be able to gather other relevant humanitarian organizations, such as the Red Crescent Authority, Sheikh Zayid bin Sultan Charitable Organization, and other prominent groups.
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